

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,
AND PENSIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Patient Safety: What is the role for Congress? during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, May 24, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in Dirksen Building, Room 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Thursday, May 24, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. in Dirksen Building, Room 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet to hold a markup on the following nominations for the Department of Veterans Affairs: Leo S. Mackay, Jr. to be Deputy Secretary; Robin L. Higgins to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs; Maureen P. Cragin to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs; and Jacob Lozada to be Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration.

The markup will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2001, at 3:00 p.m., in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 24, 2001, 9:30 a.m., for a hearing entitled "Tissue Banks: Is the Federal Government's Oversight Adequate?"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES AND
INVESTMENT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Securities and Investment of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 24, 2001 to conduct a hearing on "The Implementation and Future of Decimalized Markets."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Caroline Lopez of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the rest of today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Nancy Briani of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of my remarks on her retirement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RELIEF ACT—H.R. 1836

AMENDMENT NO. 767, AS MODIFIED

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the previously proposed amendment No. 767 be modified with the language I send to the desk and ask further that the Journal and the permanent RECORD reflect this modification.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNETT). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 767), as modified, is as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 767 (AS MODIFIED)

At the end of subtitle A of title VIII add the following:

SEC. ____ . EXPANSION OF WORK OPPORTUNITY
TAX CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 51(d)(1) (relating to members of targeted groups) is amended by striking "or" at the end of subparagraph (G), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (H) and inserting ", or", and by adding at the end the following:

"(I) a qualified low-income veteran."

(b) QUALIFIED LOW-INCOME VETERAN.—Section 51(d) (relating to members of targeted groups) is amended by redesignating paragraphs (10) through (12) as paragraphs (11) through (13), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (9) the following:

"(10) QUALIFIED LOW-INCOME VETERAN.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified low-income veteran' means any veteran whose gross income for the taxable year preceding the taxable year including the hiring date, was below the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget) for such preceding taxable year.

"(B) VETERAN.—The term 'veteran' has the meaning given such term by paragraph (3)(B).

"(C) SPECIAL RULES FOR DETERMINING AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—For purposes of applying this subpart to wages paid or incurred to any qualified low-income veteran—

"(i) subsection (a) shall be applied by substituting '50 percent of the qualified first-year wages and 25 percent of the qualified second-year wages' for '40 percent of the qualified first year wages', and

"(ii) in lieu of paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b), the following definitions and special rule shall apply:

"(I) QUALIFIED FIRST-YEAR WAGES.—The term 'qualified first-year wages' means, with respect to any individual, qualified wages attributable to service rendered during the 1-

year period beginning with the day the individual begins work for the employer.

"(II) QUALIFIED SECOND-YEAR WAGES.—The term 'qualified second-year wages' means, with respect to any individual, qualified wages attributable to service rendered during the 1-year period beginning on the day after the last day of the 1-year period with respect to such individual determined under subclause (I).

"(III) ONLY FIRST \$20,000 OF WAGES PER YEAR TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—The amount of the qualified first and second year wages which may be taken into account with respect to any individual shall not exceed \$20,000 per year."

(c) PERMANENCE OF CREDIT.—Section 51(c)(4) (relating to termination) is amended by inserting "(except for wages paid to a qualified low-income veteran)" after "individual".

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to individuals who begin work for the employer after the date of the enactment of this Act.

On page 9, strike the table between lines 11 and 12 and insert:

In the case of taxable years beginning during calendar year:	The corresponding percentages shall be substituted for the following percentages:			
	28%	31%	36%	39.6%
2002, 2003, and 2004	27%	30%	35%	38.60%
2005 and 2006	26%	29%	34%	37.60%
2007 and thereafter	25%	28%	33%	36.05%

RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF
ARMED FORCES KILLED SINCE
END OF VIETNAM WAR

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 94, submitted earlier today by Senators CLELAND, MCCAIN, LEVIN, and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 94) expressing the sense of the Senate to designate May 28, 2001, as a special day for recognizing the members of the Armed Forces who have been killed in hostile actions since the end of the Vietnam War.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, on next Monday, May 28, and acting pursuant to a joint resolution approved by the Congress back in 1950, the President of the United States will issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe a day of prayer for permanent peace in remembrance of all of those brave Americans who have died in our Nation's service. That is how Memorial Day got started and is what this special day is supposed to be all about.

Whenever Memorial Day comes around, I am reminded of what may well have been the first, and is still one of the finest, memorials to fallen soldiers, the Funeral Oration of the great Athenian leader Pericles, as recorded by the historian Thucydides, during the Peloponnesian War in the 5th Century BC.